

BLOOMINGTON BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Bloomington Board of Public Safety held a Regular Session on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the McCloskey Room, Room 135, City of Bloomington located at 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Kim Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members Isak Nti Asare and Natalia Galvan were present.

Also in attendance were Fire Chief Jason Moore, Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captian Myrick Williams, Assistant City Attorney Christopher Wheeler, and Board Secretary Ashley Sparks. See sign-in sheet for full list of attendees.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Kim Gray certified the executive session held earlier that evening.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Board Member Natalia Galvan moved to approve the meeting minutes from the September 19, 2023, regular session. Board Member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

VERBAL CERTIFICATION OF PAYROLL

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Fire Chief Jason Moore both affirmed the payroll claims for September 22 and October 6, both in the year of 2023.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham presented the monthly statistics and training.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the slide showing traffic stops included all reasons for stopping a vehicle. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked how many hours of training are required each year for a police officer. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked where the Officer on a Train event boards. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Police Captain Myrick Williams answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if recent train fatalities were caused by people intentionally placing themselves on train tracks. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if additional sign placement should occur at train crossings. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if one of the fatalities was caused by a person sleeping on the train tracks. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the accidents were both within city limits. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked what the term "DRO" means. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked what Wonder Woman 2023 is. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan commented on the advertisements she has seen for the Wonder Woman 2023 event at the Bloomington Housing Authority. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked where Boo to Drugs will occur and commented that this will occur at the same time as the Trunk or Treat event at Fairview. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Police Captain Myrick Williams responded.

Board President Kim Gray asked if Drug Take Back is for any drugs. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham and Police Captain Myrick Williams answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked about the engagement opportunities provided for one of the Police Social Worker cases. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Letters of Appreciation/Commendation:

None.

General Business:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham made a brief comment regarding the ongoing hiring process.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham stated that there are still vehicle purchases coming through with only three left to purchase for the year and items such as mobile data terminals, laptops, and radios are still being purchased.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked what makes and models were being utilized for new police vehicles. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if Dodge Chargers were still being used. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if a mix of makes and models is the preference of the Police Department when availability of vehicles is not a problem. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Personnel:

Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham stated that there are currently 4 officers on light duty and/or sick leave, 1 near graduation from the Academy, and several people in training.

Board Member Natalia Galvan made a motion to approve the conditional hire of Kerry Greene to the Department. Board Member Isak Nti Asare seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Board Member Natalia Galvan commented on the excellent write up and explanation provided during the executive session

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked how many officers the Department still needed to be fully staffed. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

CIRT/ARV REPORT

None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

Report on Monthly Statistics, Training and Incident Reports:

Fire Chief Jason Moore presented the monthly statistics.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if the RPS is working with the Fire Department on alarms at new developments in town. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked if any of the false alarms have been on private properties. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if there are more electrical issues or manually triggered false alarms happening at IU. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if the issues with false alarms are occurring at private apartment buildings. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if IU needs to preprogram the software that supports fire detection systems. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if IU intended on the Fire Department to only answer calls in which multiple alarms were triggered or single alarms only. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the issues have been isolated to this year only. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the programming changes have happened already or if it is an ongoing issue. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the programming change would affect the communication between IU and the Fire Department when a system activates. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked if IU would still be compliant with the law if they did not dispatch the Fire Department for every alarm activation. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board President Kim Gray asked for clarification on the graph colors for the response time charts. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the inspection goal was reflecting the total of things eligible for inspection or a total overall goal. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked police and fire personnel to explain the chosen trainings for employees and how those decisions are made. Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham, Police Captain Myrick Williams and Fire Chief Jason Moore all responded appropriately.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked how often active shooter training occurs for police officers. Police Captain Myrick Williams responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if dispatch gets involved with active shooter training. Police Captain Myrick Williams and Police Deputy Chief Scott Oldham responded.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the training graph represented the minimum amount of requirements according to national standards. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Fire Chief Jason Moore discussed the Mobile Integrated Healthcare client load and wins.

Board Member Isak Nti Asare asked if the fire extinguisher grants were provided by an individual. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked where fire extinguishers would be distributed if the Fire Department had an unlimited budget for them. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan discussed a tutorial she had seen in which a minimum number of fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors was outlined. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if there were resources for homeowners and renters that outlines the number of smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are needed per home. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the guidance still existed that instructed people to replace smoke detector batteries when clock batteries get replaced. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board President Kim Gray asked who people should contact to schedule free home safety inspections. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

General Business:

Fire Chief Jason Moore invited the Board members to the upcoming Swearing In ceremony for new recruits.

Fire Chief Jason Moore spoke of the current hiring process, including the 7 applicants who are waiting on PERF physicals at this time.

Fire Chief Jason Moore discussed the bid process for Station 1.

Board President Kim Gray asked if there was a new IU fire station. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board President Kim Gray asked if the Fire Department was cost-sharing the IU for the new station. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked if there will be enough parking available for staff. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Board President Kim Gray asked what time shift change occurs. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Fire Chief Jason Moore spoke on the state of the training logistics project.

Purchases: Expenditures/Procurements:

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that several large purchases will be paid in November, including an engineering design bill, ITS capital replacement and a large amount of new employee bonuses. A new side-by-side ATV has also been ordered, but insurance will be reimbursing for the cost of the vehicle.

Board President Kim Gray asked if there were any injuries when the original ATV was totaled. Fire Chief Jason Moore answered.

Board Member Natalia Galvan asked what the ATV is used for. Fire Chief Jason Moore responded.

Personnel:

Fire Chief Jason Moore indicated that there are 2 employees on paid family leave and 5 openings in the Department, leaving them down 3 firefighters, 1 chauffeur, and 1 battalion chief, though the battalion chief position will remain locked until Interim Deputy Chief Litwin's position is confirmed.

Fire Chief Jason Moore discussed the 4 new positions coming open in 2024, including Assistant Chief of Operations.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Sparks, Recording Secretary
Board of Public Safety

The minutes of the October 17th, 2023 Board of Public Safety Meeting were approved this 21st day of November, 2023.




